

REPUBLICANS ARE RAISING BIG FUND

It Is Alleged That Federal Office-Holders in Virginia Are Assessed.

FUNDS WILL AID CHAIRMAN

C. B. Slomp Likely to Succeed His Father as Member of Congress.

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It appears that the Republican organization in Virginia is trying to make believe that there is a real campaign on for county offices and seats in the Legislature. It is understood that a considerable sum has been raised by the Republican State Committee to be expended in the campaign.

Mr. C. Bascom Slomp, chairman of the State Committee, has sent letters to Federal officeholders throughout Virginia, soliciting contributions for the campaign expenses. A man who had seen a copy of the letter of assessment, for it is that in reality, said today that no placeholder was being asked for less than \$25, and many are required to pay more.

It is difficult to see where the money thus raised will be spent. The Republicans are not making a real campaign for election of members of the Legislature, nor, so far as can be learned, are they making efforts to capture county offices in counties other than those which are recognized as Republican.

It has been suggested that the money raised by assessment of the Federal officeholders will be spent in the campaign for election of successor to the late Representative Slomp, from the Ninth District.

If Bascom Slomp, the present Republican State chairman, should be elected to succeed his father, it is pretty certain that there would not be such severe bleeding of Republicans who hold office in Virginia as there has been since Mr. Slomp has been at the head of the State organization. A member of Congress is prohibited by Federal statute from soliciting campaign contributions from holders of official positions, under penalty of fine or imprisonment. Colonel Slomp, as a member of Congress, could not ask Republicans holding Federal offices in Virginia to contribute to the campaign funds, but there was no law against his son doing work of this character, so Bascom Slomp was placed at the head of the State Committee. His relationship to the only Republican member of Congress from the State, and the recognized Republican boss of Virginia, made money-raising easy. Placeholders shelled out the coin, though not always with a good grace. They feared that refusal to do so would mean loss of their positions.

In plain words, the Republican organization in Virginia has clubbed holders of Federal positions in the State and here at Washington, where they came from Virginia, to contribute heavily to expense of campaigns. It is evident that the club has been used with effect this year.

HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

Brokers Firm Charged With Having No License From Paper.

NEW YORK, November 1.—Gerald H. Evans, Thomas O'Connor and Mrs. Frances McLean O'Connor, who were arrested last night on a charge of conducting business under a false name, were honorably discharged when arraigned in Police Court today. The clerk told him there had been no certificate filed in the clerk's office by the defendants, who conducted a brokerage business in Wall Street, under the name of Gerald H. Evans & Co. The certificate had been filed, however, and was found after the arrests were made.

CURRENCY DEMAND HAS NOT ABATED

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ular, suggesting the taking out of additional circulation notes by the national banks. It is expected that the receipt by the Treasury of bonds as a basis for the issue of national bank notes will increase in volume for several days and the shipment of currency, of course, will increase correspondingly.

PORTSMOUTH BANK SUSPENDS.

Unable to Secure Enough Ready Cash, But Entirely Solvent.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., November 1.—[Stat-]ing that they have not been able to secure sufficient cash on outstanding claims to meet the recent heavy run made by depositors, the board of directors of the People's Bank, Portsmouth, ordered the doors of that institution closed today. Little alarm is felt, however, as the bank is declared to be perfectly solvent, the only difficulty being the delay in securing claims that are said to be absolutely good.

According to President Franklin D. Gil and other officials, it will be but a short time before the bank will resume regular business. At present, however, the only business transacted will be that of receiving claims owed to the bank.

The People's Bank is capitalized at \$50,000, and is said to have a surplus of \$74,000. It is regarded as one of the most solvent banking institutions in this section of the State, its largest



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BRYAN IS REASSURING.

No Occasion for Panic and No Need of Asset Currency.

OMAHA, NEB., November 1.—William Jennings Bryan to-day gave the following interview:

"I do not look for any prolonged trouble in the business world. Conditions which made a panic and depression in 1893 are entirely different now. Then prices were falling because of a restricted money supply. Now we are in the midst of a tremendous gold production which gives an abundant money supply and maintains prices, so that business is brisk. The present bank trouble does not show the need of an emergency or asset currency. I think it presents a strong argument against an asset currency. As it is now, there is no doubt about the quality of our money."

CANNOT TRANSFER MONEY.

Secretary Cortelyou Refuses Relief Asked by Southern Banks.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., November 1.—Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou wired to-day that the Treasury Department cannot transfer money from London to New Orleans, as suggested by cotton exporters. The plan was to have cash deposited with United States fiscal agents abroad, and immediately upon such deposit to draw cash at the Subtreasury here.

Reading Curtains Expense.

READING, PA., November 1.—The Reading Railroad Company is curtailing expenses in its roadway department. Thirty-five laborers were discharged at Bridgeport, and about one hundred more will be laid off in the vicinity of Linfield, where considerable new work has been in progress. All extra hands employed during the summer have been suspended. The order affects about 250 men, all told, principally Italians.

Nebraska Bank Closes.

GRAND ISLAND, NEB., November 1.—The Commercial State Bank, deposits \$380,000, closed to-day. It had \$50,000 in the First National Bank of Charleston, Iowa, whose cashier yesterday committed suicide.

UNDER CHARGE OF PEONAGE

Former Candidate for Governor of Georgia Is Accused by Negroes.

ATLANTA, GA., November 1.—James M. Smith, of Oglethorpe county, who was a candidate for the governorship of Georgia in the last campaign, will appear before the Federal grand jury at Athens, Ga., next Monday, when that body will investigate charges of peonage brought against him last summer. Mr. Smith is one of the largest growers of cotton in the State. The charges against him were made by a family of negroes named Howard.

HITCHCOCK STILL EVADES OFFICERS

Police Are Still Watching Every Avenue of Escape for Actor.

ONE WITNESS DISAPPEARS

Effort Being Made to Secure Release of Others by Habeas Corpus.

NEW YORK, November 1.—The bondsmen of Raymond Hitchcock still have five days in which to deliver the comedian to the court, where he is charged with offenses against young girls. It was hinted to-day that the actor was living quietly in this city, and would be on hand to face his accusers when the case is called next Wednesday. Neither his wife, it is said, nor his bondsmen and counsel has received the slightest clue to his whereabouts, however.

The police, who, without regard to the original case, seek to make an immediate arrest on the strength of six indictments returned by the grand jury on Wednesday, the day that Hitchcock disappeared, continued their search to-day, canvassing the lodging-houses of the theatrical district, keeping men posted at the railway and steamship terminals and even calling on the authorities of other cities to hold Hitchcock should he be recognized in their localities.

A new twist to the complicated case was given to-day, when the police attempted to locate Bella McKenize, aged seventeen years, one of Hitchcock's accusers. She left home a month ago, and subsequently took rooms in West Sixtieth Street. According to agents of the Children's Society, she has met Hitchcock since his troubles began. She left her last lodging place about the time the actor was indicted. The police believe the girl could throw some light on what has become of Hitchcock. It was said to-day that efforts would be made to obtain the release, under habeas corpus proceedings, of Elsie Voecks and Helen von Hagen, two of the girls who testified before the grand jury, and who are now detained in the House of the Good Shepherd. The agents of the Garry Society will probably fight the release, alleging that friends of Hitchcock are behind the proceedings.

The only other developments to-day were in the way of new theories regarding the actor's disappearance. The most fanciful theory, and one which found some favor, was that the actor had called into play his "make-up" genius, and by a clever disguise was enabled to roam at will about the city.

VERDICT FOR HALF MILLION

Suit Against Former President of Wabash Ends in Heavy Finding.

NEW YORK, November 1.—A verdict of \$500,000 against Joseph Ramsey, Jr., former president of the Wabash Railroad, in a suit brought by John S. Jones, a financier and coal land operator, was handed down to-day in the Supreme Court. Mr. Jones sued George J. Gould, William E. Guy and Mr. Ramsey as individuals to recover \$460,000, which he alleged to be due him from the three defendants for securing for them 50,000 acres of coal lands in Southern Ohio. A part of the money sued for was advanced by him in payment for the land, and the rest included his commission, expenses and interest. Justice Goff held that neither Mr. Gould nor Mr. Guy were liable, and the verdict consequently was rendered only against Mr. Ramsey. It represented the full amount of the suit plus costs and interest since 1902.

BANQUET TO EMPLOYES

Enjoyable Occasion at Jefferson Hotel Last Night.

General Manager S. F. Walker, of the Baltimore office, and Mr. L. B. Slaughter, manager of the Charles M. Stille Richmond branch, entertained the employees of the local office at an informal dinner last night at the Jefferson Hotel. The occasion was most enjoyable. Those present were: Messrs. S. F. Walker, of Baltimore; N. C. Wright, W. B. Cridlin, George D. Jordan, Manley B. Ramos, Jr., T. L. Davis, A. H. Acree, Otto Ullrich, F. E. Nichols, M. Keller, C. C. Cridlin, C. M. J. D. Kaufman, H. F. Allen, L. B. Slaughter.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary J. Herbert.

Mrs. Mary J. Herbert, who died in Baltimore on Wednesday, was formerly Miss Mary J. Eagan. She was seventy years of age. The remains were accompanied from Baltimore by her lifelong friend, Miss Margaret Casey, and her two nieces, the Misses Eagan. They were met at Main Street Station yesterday at 1 P. M. by Undertaker Reddin. Interment was made in Mt. Calvary Cemetery by the side of her

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MISS BERTHA WOOD, of Shamokin, Pa., who has won the heart of Madam Castro, wife of the Venezuelan President.

husband. The ladies returned to Baltimore after the funeral.

William Durrett.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., November 1.—Mr. William Durrett, aged sixty-seven, died at noon to-day, after a long illness, following a stroke of paralysis. He was known in his youth as the best shot and one of the most daring riders in Albemarle county. His fondness for the hunt was so great that he moved with his family from North Garden to this city he took an active interest in hunting. Six children survive—Mrs. Thomas Randolph, Mrs. John Gibbon, Mrs. Cora Hartnagle, Mrs. Mary Edline, and Messrs. Charles and William Durrett, of North Garden. Also survives the funeral will take place at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at North Garden.

Mrs. Mercer Hartman.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROANOKE, VA., November 1.—Mrs. Georgiana Hartman, wife of Mr. Mercer Hartman, a prominent lawyer of this city, died to-day, after an illness of two days. Mrs. Hartman was a native of Charleston, S. C., and one of the most accomplished women of the city. She is survived by her husband and one child.

DEATHS

HERBERT.—Died in Baltimore, October 30, 1907. Mrs. MARY J. HERBERT, in her seventieth year.

The remains were met at Main Street Station Friday evening by Undertaker Reddin and taken direct to Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Funeral Notice.

MEMBERS OF COMPANY B, SEVENTH REGIMENT OF INFANTRY, VIRGINIA VOLUNTEERS, are hereby ordered to assemble at 1:30 O'CLOCK, ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1907, at their Armory, in dress uniform, to attend the funeral of Private Frank D. Blount. Members of other companies are requested to join B Company.

By order of First Lieutenant.

WILLIAM A. STACK.

STUART A. WEISS, First Sergeant.

MARRIAGES.

CLARKE JAMES.—Miss GEORGIE CLARKE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Clarke, of Williamsburg Avenue, became the bride yesterday afternoon of THOMAS JAMES, of Henrico county, Va. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride. They left immediately for their future home.

POSTMASTERS ORGANIZE HERE

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State and Territory." At Mr. Cabell's suggestion, the delegates were allowed to question the speaker about various phases of the service, and he answered them all intelligently and satisfactorily.

Afternoon Session.

The convention took a recess at 1 o'clock and reconvened at 2:30 P. M. The first speaker was Acting Postmaster-General Frank H. Hitchcock, who was received with great applause. President Cabell presented him as the "Idol of the Post-Office Department," and his address, though brief, was full of interest.

"I am glad," he declared in opening, "to see so many Virginia postmasters at this meeting for the purpose of organizing so important an association, and I am sure it speaks well for the interest they are displaying in the service in this State."

"The department heartily favors these associations, realizing that if they are organized along proper lines they are capable of resulting in great good to the service."

General Hitchcock told of a recent trip he had taken to the far West, which had resulted in the organization of associations in Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming and Texas, and he declared that now Washington, Oregon and Idaho were preparing to organize.

He spoke of the difficulties under which postmasters in the far West are laboring on account of the great demand for men. This was especially true in the mining section, where he knew of one who had expended \$5,000 of his own money in order to keep up his force. This was due to the fact that clerks and carriers could make from \$5 to \$8 per day at other callings.

Gen. Hitchcock said the department favored extending the free delivery service to small towns, and also the introduction of the parcels post system.

It also favored the establishment of postal savings banks, and all these would be recommended to the next Congress. He asked the postmasters to study the two latter questions and to lend their co-operation in getting them through Congress.

Many Other Speeches.

An informal reception was tendered General Hitchcock at the end of his speech, and when the brief recess taken for this purpose was over Mr. H. D. Temple, superintendent of registered mails and money orders, spoke at length with reference to these two branches.

He said the department favored the issuing of small postal notes of from 10 cents up to \$2.50, in order to accommodate those who wish to send small amounts of money through the mails.

Mr. Temple discussed many features of his two subjects and then invited questions from the delegates. Post-Office Inspector J. W. Buller made a brief speech concerning his line, and Postmaster Blinn, of Savannah, spoke on "Discipline in the Office."

Postmaster Briggs, of Raleigh, addressed himself briefly to the subject of "General Delivery," and the "General Conduct of the Post-Office" was discussed by Postmasters Bolling, Griffin, Davis and Graham.

The convention at 5:30 o'clock adjourned until 9:30 o'clock this morning.

Enjoyable Banquet.

Furnishing a brilliant climax for a day pleasantly and profitably spent by the Virginia postmasters, the Richmond business men tendered them a splendid banquet at the Jefferson last night and it was far beyond the hour of 12 o'clock when the guests departed for their homes.

Prior to the assembling of the diners in the banquet hall, the clerks and carriers of Richmond sprang a pleasant surprise on General Hitchcock. They sent a committee to the Jefferson for him, and he was taken to Fraternity Hall, on Broad Street, where Mr. Lane Lucy, secretary to Postmaster Cabell, representing the clerks and carriers, presented him with a set of resolutions handsomely engrossed on parchment, thanking him for the great service he had rendered in securing raises in their salaries. The speeches of Mr. Lucy and General Hitchcock were both very happy.

The banquet itself was a brilliant affair, and though it lasted long, there appeared no disposition on the part of any to leave before it was ended. Beautiful music enlivened the program, and the affair was so informal as to give every evidence of old Virginia hospitality.

Colonel Harwood Presides.

It was 11:30 o'clock when the cigars were passed around, and Colonel John S. Harwood, the toastmaster, called for order.

Colonel Harwood filled his position admirably, and his fitting words in introducing the various speakers, provoked frequent outbursts of applause.

President Braxton, of the Business Men's Club, who was to have delivered

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CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS

an address of welcome, was detained by sickness, and Captain John Landstreet took his place.

Captain Landstreet said he would prove he was a business man by making his remarks brief and to the point. He had heard that the guests were composed of first, second, and third-class postmasters. He was sure this was a mistake, as he did not believe there was a second or third-class postmaster before him. They were all first-class. He extended them all a hearty welcome, and was loudly applauded.

Mr. Carney Replies.

Postmaster S. E. Carney, of Norfolk, responded for the postmasters, and he warmly thanked the business men for their splendid entertainment. He wanted the next meeting in Norfolk, and asked the Business Men's Club to attend.

General Hitchcock made a very happy speech, and among the many interesting things he said was his fine tribute to Postmaster Cabell. He declared that he knew of no postmaster in the country who had so intelligently grasped and prosecuted the business of his office in so short a time, and that the department was liberal with offices manned by such men.

"And we are going to be liberal with Richmond as long as you have such a postmaster as my young friend Cabell," he said amid loud applause.

Former Governor Montague followed in a brief speech, in which he commended the Post-Office Department for its wonderful work, and invoked honesty and fidelity at all times in the public service. He favored the extension of the civil service rules, and thought the merit system should apply to all save strictly political offices.

Brief addresses were made by Postmaster R. E. Woods, of Louisville; W. J. Vickery, chief post-office inspector, and W. R. Spilman, superintendent of rural free delivery.

List of Guests.

Those present were: Hon. John Lamb, Hon. A. J. Montague, Judge L. L. Lewis, Hon. F. H. Hitchcock, of Washington; Mr. R. E. Woods, of Louisville; Hon. W. R. Spilman and Hon. W. J. Vickery, of Washington; Postmaster R. E. Cabell, Norfolk; S. Harwood, S. E. Carney, Norfolk; Captain Jno. Landstreet, Richmond; Wm. H. Faulkner, South Boston; Jno. H. Ingram, Charlotte C. H.; J. W. Womack, Keyesville; O. L. James, Abingdon; C. W. Hoge, Gate City; A. M. Stinson, Hot Springs; T. K. Parrish, Richmond; Cedar Works; E. L. R. Dunn, Bowling Green; E. A. de Bordenave, Franklin; R. G. Deyson, Belfield; W. T. Tillar, Emporia; C. P. Nair, Clifton Forge; R. A. Fulwiler, Staunton; McClung Patton, Lexington; Colonel Wingo, Richmond; General Samp Bolling, Petersburg; Oliver J. Sands, Richmond; Postmaster L. G. Funkhouser, Roanoke; Postmaster E. L. Toome, Boydton; William McKim Marriott, Richmond; Beverly A. Davis, Rocky Mount; C. P. Smith, Martinsville; Wm. Griffin, Salem; H. H. Cramer, Ashland; C. T. Barkdale, Danville; E. P. Gay, Smithfield; Harry Libbey, Hampton; W. T. Hopkins, Newport News; E. M. C. Quimby, Suffolk; T. H. Smith, Manchester; G. W. Reik, Washington, D. C.; W. G. Briggs, Raleigh, N. C.; Henry Blinn, Jr., Savannah, Ga.; L. O. Miller, Richmond; Edgar Allan, Jr., Richmond; W. K. Bache, Richmond; S. Christian, Richmond; E. S. Redwood, Richmond; D. R. Midyette, Ashland; S.

Summers-Keyes Boun a Draw.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., November 1.—Johnny Summers, of England, and Bert Keyes, of New York, fought a fast ten-round bout to a draw last night before the Edgewood Athletic Club. The bout was the first for Summers in this country since his draw with Tommy Murphy.

Puts Honey Melody Out.

DAYTON, OHIO, November 1.—Honey Melody, of Boston, was knocked out in the fifteenth round of a twenty-round fight by Frank Mantell, of Providence, near here to-night.

MEMORIALS THAT ARE ENDURING HEIRLOOMS.

In the past only the very wealthy could have great memorials of departed ones. It remained for one man's ingenuity, combined with the power of the press, to provide memorials of an enduring kind, that would express the deepest feeling and become heirlooms in a family; this, too, without suggestion of a lavish display of money.

The idea is simplicity itself. On the demise of any person the fact is published in the newspapers. No one except those whose business is to read newspapers by the hundreds know the extent to which these items are printed and copied. Very often they appear in dozens of papers, and friends and relatives never see a tenth of what is printed. Frank A. Burrill, who is the active head of a big New York corporation, conceived the idea of gathering everything printed and mounting the items in albums, handsomely and appropriately bound. Substantial memorials are thus had that appeal to the finest taste.

Another feature of the idea is to incorporate with the notices all letters, telegrams, cards of condolence, resolutions, photographs, old letters—in fact, everything that is connected with the one to be remembered.

In order that not a single item be missed, it is necessary as soon after the demise of a relative or friend as possible to write (or, better still, to telegraph) to F. A. Burrill, New York, simply saying: "Collect notices of (and then give the name)." This message is usually sent by relatives, but the custom is quite general now to have the request come from friends. They know that the relatives will desire the memorial, and act in their stead in a time of sorrow and distress.—Houston, Tex., Chronicle.

POSTMASTERS ASSEMBLED ON BANK STREET STEPS OF RICHMOND OFFICE



In the front row, near the left, is the familiar figure of Postmaster Cabell, who was elected president of the Virginia Association yesterday. In the centre of the group, and also in the front row, is First Assistant Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

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